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### **SONORA MAN SENTENCED TO 82 MONTHS FOR CONSPIRACY TO POSSESS WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA AND VIOLATING HIS SUPERVISED RELEASE**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on July 7, 2003, Rigoberto Campos-Valenzuela, date of birth December 12, 1961, of Altar, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced to a total of 82 months (7 years, 10 months), by United States District Judge Raner C. Collins, in Tucson, Arizona.

Defendant was among a large group that carried bundles of marijuana, totaling 696.85 pounds, from Mexico into the United States, and was arrested along with three other individuals on January 24, 2003, at or near Vamouri, on the Tohono O'Odham Indian Nation. Defendant also has two prior felony drug convictions, one in 1995 for Possession With Intent to Distribute Marijuana, and one in 1999 for Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

On April 30, 2003, Rigoberto Campos-Valenzuela entered a plea of guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana, and had also admitted to violating his Supervised Release for the 1999 conviction, by committing the new offense.

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The Court sentenced Defendant to 70 months incarceration for the new Conspiracy conviction, and 12 months incarceration for the Supervised Release violation, and ordered the sentences to run consecutively.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Customs Service, and the Tohono O'Odham Police Department.

The prosecution was handled by Melinda K. Mendes, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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